

1 Corinthians 12:8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by [f]the same Spirit, **10** to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

There are 3 different ways The Holy Spirit works in us

1. **With you:** when does this happen? Before we are saved, the Holy Spirit is with you comes alongside you, and convicts you of sin and righteousness. He's been with you
 - Conviction > Repentance > faith
2. **In you:** inside, inhabit, in-dwelling when? When you're saved, if you're a believer the Holy Spirit is in you. To seal you for the day of redemption
 - This is when sanctification begins, and the fruit of the Spirit begins to grow
3. **Upon you: Acts 2** the empowering, baptism of the Holy Spirit so they could be witnesses
 - This is when spiritual gifts come, they are for the church's profit.

The gifts of the Spirit

Word of Wisdom, a special Word of wisdom from God for a specific time,

Matthew 10:18 You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. **19** But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; **20** for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

Word of knowledge

to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

- The knowledge that God gives a person that they couldn't know any other way
- Peter flesh and blood have not revealed this to you but my Father

Faith

9 to another faith by the same Spirit

- A Spirit-given ability to see and believe something God wants done, and to have an unwavering confidence that God will do it, regardless of the obstacles.
- **This gift of faith allows us to partner with God**

Healings

- to another gift of healing by the same Spirit,
- Healings, not Healer
- If you have been sick, and the Lord has healed you, you have received a gift of healing

The Lord healed in the early church and He is still doing miracles in the church today

**Healings are a gift from The Holy Spirit
For the benefit of the church**

Miracles

10 to another the working of miracles

- The Bible is full of miracles..... starts with a miracle (God created the heavens and the earth) and ends with a miracle (God creating new heavens and a new earth)

■ **Miracle:** an extraordinary event taken as a sign of the supernatural power of God

- A miracle is something humanly impossible, but divinely simple.
- A miracle is when God decides to supersede natural law with His law
- If you walk with God you will see miracles expect them, they are a common experience in the body of Jesus

Prophecy

to another prophecy

- Most of us when we think of prophecy think of the prophets in the Old Testament
 - Old Testament prophets predicted the future by revelation from God, gave warnings from God, exhorted kings or kingdoms by revelation from God, they corrected the nation
 - They spoke for the Lord
 - A prophet is someone who speaks to the people what God has to say
 - They foretold the future, declared inspired by God
 - The prophet told the word of God, the will of God, the dictates and mandates of the Lord
 - A prophet also wrote the written revelation of God
 - The Old Testament prophets and the apostles of the New Testament
 - After John the Apostle there would no longer be any new written revelation
 - Deuteronomy 13, 18 there were qualifications for a prophet
 - If you predicted something and you were not 100 % accurate you would be killed by stoning
 - If you predict something and it comes to pass but you then mislead the people to idolatry they will be stoned
 - New Testament prophecy would not be like Old Testament prophecy.
 - Agabus **Acts 11:28** One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.)
 - **Acts 21:10** After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. **11** Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.'" **12** When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. **13** Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." **14** When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done." **15** After this, we started on our way up to Jerusalem.
1. Prophecy in the New Testament was a direct word from God
 2. New Testament prophecy is clear speech
 3. New Testament prophecy is controllable
 - **1 Corinthians 14:29** Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. **30** And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. **31** For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. **32** The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. **33** For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.
 4. It's not gender specific
 - Old Testament Deborah in Judges, in 2 Chronicles 34, Isaiah's wife was called a prophetess

- New Testament **Acts 21:8** Phillip the evangelist had 4 daughters who prophesied, **1 Corinthians 11:5** But every woman who prays or prophesies **Acts 2** Peter quoting Joel Your sons and daughters will prophesy
- 5. There is a specific purpose for prophecy **1 Corinthians 14:3** But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. **4** Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.

Discernment

to another discerning of spirits

This is one of the greatest valuable gifts that the modern church needs

We need discernment

1 John 4:1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Matthew 7:15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. **16** You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?

Every believer as they know the word of God and know the Lord and walk with God grows in wisdom, Word, and discernment

So this is not general discernment

The gift of discernment: the ability to discern between good and evil, to discern between good spirits and evil spirits in a particular situation that you have no knowledge of, but the Lord gives you this gift

Peter tells Ananias in **Acts 5** “Why has satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit”

Acts 8 in Samaria there was a man named Simon, who astonished the whole city with sorcery when Phillip preached and did miracles and healings.

Phillip had the office of evangelist, and the gift of miracles, but he didn’t have the gift of discernment.

When Peter and John came down to Samaria and when Simon saw that through the laying of hands, he offered them money to have that power.

Phillip didn’t have the gift of discernment

Acts 13:9 Then Saul, who also *is called* Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

10 and said, “O full of all deceit and all fraud, *you* son of the devil, *you* enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? **11** And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord *is* upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.”

Paul had general discernment but Paul received the gift of discernment at that time,

Acts 16: 16 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. **17** This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” **18** And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour. **19** But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged *them* into the marketplace to the authorities.

This is the hard part of this gift if you receive it

However, this gift is vital in the body of Christ

There are so many people in the church who are gullible and who don’t know the Word that will follow anybody

Many times it takes somebody with real discernment to be able to speak up

Tongues

to another *different kinds* of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

- One of the most controversial is the gift of Tongues
- Sadly this has become very divisive
 1. Some people say tongues are done with, that they were for the early church not for today
 2. Others say unless there is speaking in tongues, healing, or prophecy then God is not in the midst of it

There are 4 different kinds of to1 tongues

1. **Tongues for personal spiritual edification** (for private prayer) **1 Cor. 14:2** For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. **3** But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. **4** He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself,
 - These tongues are very private, the most private intimate conversations between me and God
 - They are so deep and spiritual **1 Cor. 14:14** For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. **15** What is *the conclusion* then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding

2. Tongues for intercessions (for private prayer) **Romans 8: 26** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession [g]for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

3. Tongues for interpretation, (public ministry) These are the tongues that Paul says to pray that you may interpret for the edification of the church **1 Cor. 14:13** Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

1 Cor. 14:18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; **19** yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

- If you speak in tongues and you pray for interpretation and there is no interpretation, in the church pray with the understanding
- These tongues, there is no account of it in the Book of Acts
- I have only witnessed them maybe 10 times in 20 years of ministry and only met one person who genuinely had this gift, but I want to meet more, and even be one of those

4. Tongues as a sign to unbelievers **1 Cor. 14:22** Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; These are the tongues that we see once in Acts

Paul finalizes this topic with this

39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy and do not forbid to speak with tongues. **40** Let all things be done decently and in order.

6 things about the Gifts of the Spirit

1. Gifts are varied
 - Because we are unique
2. Gifts are given not earned (7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:)
3. Gifts are not the Goal.
 - Being in Christ is the Goal, in Him I live, in Him I move, in Him I have all of my being.
4. Spiritual gifts are not natural talents.
5. Gifts of the Holy Spirit are not to be confused with the fruits of the Spirit
6. If I have all the gifts of the Spirit but I don't love people Paul says I am nothing
(If I never receive the gifts of the spirit and I love people I have accomplished the will of God in my life) **1 Corinthians 12:31** But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

What is the best gift? Whatever gift the Lord gives you is the best gift for You, let God lead you, and allow the Holy Spirit to do as He wills

Preach, share the Gospel, share what God is doing in your life, teach, minister, counsel, mentor, pray for people, and be bold.

As we do the work of the Lord God will give you these gifts

For the benefit of the church, to expand the kingdom, to guide the church, and your family, in critical decisions.

The reason we don't see the gifts is because we don't do the work.

All the examples that we have seen in the New Testament have been as the believers are doing the work of the Lord, as they preach, as they go, as they teach, as they travel, and as they are fulfilling their mission. God is moving with miracles, wonders, and the gifts of the spirit being poured out

See we get too busy with our own life, and we never grow because we refuse to grow, we believe the devil's lies and we don't believe God's promises. We won't forgive, we won't let go of our pride, we won't let God heal us, we won't submit to the Lord and we won't believe God that He has called us to be mighty instruments in his hands.

You will know, you will grow, and you will learn to discern the voice, the nudge, the guidance of the Holy Spirit
Samuel 3